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ON JUNE 23, ECONOFFS MET JAN BREJA, DIRECTOR OF THE AIR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, AND RADMILA VALICKOVA, HEAD STATE COUNSELOR OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION, AT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO REQUEST THE GOS'S SUPPORT IN RE-ELECTING THE U.S. TO PART ONE OF THE ICAO COUNCIL, PER REFTEL. (NOTE: POST ALSO DELIVERED TALKING POINTS TO THE MINISTRIES OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS). BREJA AND VALICKOVA PROMISED TO INFORM THE GOS ABOUT THE USG REQUEST AND EXPRESSED THEIR STRONG BELIEF THAT SLOVAKIA WILL VOTE FOR THE U.S.'S RE-ELECTION. IN EXCHANGE, THE SLOVAK OFFICIALS REQUESTED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE HUNGARIAN CANDIDATE IN THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN ROTATION GROUP IN ICAO. BREJA SAID THE HUNGARIAN CANDIDATE ENJOYS SUPPORT OF ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP (ROMANIA, SLOVENIA, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY) AND HAS ALSO EARNED BACKING FROM THE EUROPEAN SINGLE AVIATION COMMITTEE.

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